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Important Information on Seasonal Flu Vaccine & COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative you receive your annual flu vaccination in order to prevent the further spread of preventable viruses.

Veterans actively enrolled in VA health care with Wilmington VA Medical Center, can receive the seasonal flu vaccine between September 27, 2021 and December 17, 2021 at the main medical center in Wilmington or at one of our five Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) located in Kent and Sussex counties in Delaware; Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties in New Jersey.

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots

Based on current guidance, booster shots for the non-immunocompromised population who received either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine may be administered eight months after being fully vaccinated. We expect to begin this process mid- to late-September in conjunction with our annual flu vaccinations. Any updates to CDC guidance may reflect changes in timeline to receive booster vaccines. Communication will be updated accordingly.

Detailed COVID-19 vaccine information can be found on our website at www.va.gov/wilmington-health-care/programs/covid-19-vaccines.

Self-Reporting Vaccinations Outside of VA

Eligible Veterans can receive their seasonal flu shots at Community Care Network (CCN) retail pharmacies and urgent care locations (www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/flushot.asp).

No appointment or VA referral is required. Veterans need to present a valid government-issued identification (e.g., Veterans Health ID Card, Department of Defense ID card, state-issued driver's license or ID card, etc.).

Veterans can also use the VA Locator (www.va.gov/find-locations) to find a VA facility, in-network retail pharmacy or nearby urgent care location.

If you have received your flu vaccination outside of the VA, please notify your Primary Care Provider (PCP) during an appointment or through My HealtheVet using Secure Messaging.

Medical Center - Drive-Thru Clinic - September 27, 2021 through December 17, 2021

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and well-being of Veterans and our staff, this year we will be conducting Seasonal Flu Vaccinations in conjunction with COVID-19 vaccinations via Drive-Thru Vaccination Clinic at the main medical center campus in Wilmington (pending approval of COVID booster doses for general population). The drive-thru clinic will be in the rear parking lot adjacent to the parage and will be easily accessible and clearly marked. There is no need to schedule an appointment for the drive thru.

Flu vaccinations can also be obtained at any scheduled appointment you have with your care team (e.g., every laboratory and face-to-face visits, including primary care, nursing, specialty, and behavioral health clinics).

Wilmington VA Medical Center - Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please note: If you have a history of an allergic reaction after receiving a vaccination, please call 1-302-994-2511 x5200 or 1-302-994-2511 x5979 to schedule an appointment with your care team prior to attending the drive-thru clinic.

CBOCs - By Appointment ONLY, September 27, 2021 through December 17, 2021

Flu vaccinations will be available at each of our CBOCs in Delaware and southern New Jersey by **appointment only**. Call 1-800-461-8262, Option 2 to schedule your appointment.

Flu vaccinations can also be obtained at any scheduled appointment you have with your care team (e.g., every lab and clinic face-to-face encounter for primary care, nursing, specialty, and behavioral health). See the chart below with appointment times for each clinic.

Location	Time
<u>Delaware</u>	
Kent County CBOC 655 S Bay Road, Suite 3C, Dover, DE 19901 1-800-461-8262 ext. 2400	Friday 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Sussex County, CBOC 21748 Roth Avenue, Georgetown, DE 19947 1-800-461-8262 ext. 2300	Friday 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey	
Atlantic County CBOC 1909 New Rd., Northfield, NJ 08225 1-800-461-8262 ext. 2800	Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cape May County CBOC 3801 Route 9 South, Suite 2, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 1-800-461-8262 ext. 2850	Wednesday & Friday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cumberland County CBOC 79 W. Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360 1-800-461-8262 ext. 6500	Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

As a reminder... If you have questions Seasonal Flu Vaccine & COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters, please contact your care team.

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